THE NEGRO MAJOR AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE BALL TEAMS, INC.

3362 Prairie Avenue

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Chicago 16, Illinois

Mrs. E. L. Manley, Pres. Newark Eagels Baseball Team 71 Crawford Street Newark 2 N.J.

Dear Mrs. Manley:

Your letter of th 2nd inst. has duly reached me, and I look upon it in the nature of a welcome messenger, renewing our hopes that you will become a part of the first Negro Major league baseball corporation ever organized in the history of the United States.

The Negro Major American and National League Baseball Teams Inc. was organized and incorporated the 31st of December 1943.in Chicago Ill.

The Negro Major American and National League Baseball Teams Inc. is an organization, organized to promote Negro major league baseball. To build up and to transact all business for both leagues. To take care of all negotiations between other major league teams and any other teams. And do all of the transactions which so concern the Negro major league baseball teams.

This organization is owned and controlled by Negros. We dont want and will not have no white man runingtour business. No white person own any of our shares in our corporation. I am sorry to say, we do not have any shares for sale at the present.

We are going represent every city that the white major league represent. We are only going to play in the major league circut, we are going to play more games per year than the present Negro baseball assoication. We are going to have American league teams also National league teams too, the National league teams will play National league teams only, the American league will play American league teams only untill the peanmant is won by both leagues, then the series will be played and the winner of the Negro world champions will versus the white major league world champions. We are taking up this subject with the white majors. Our teams will travel the circut just like the white majors, this way all teams will get a chance to play all around the circut three or more times a year.

We are taking this matter of traveling by trains up with the railroad heads. Teams on our list for franchise is The Washington Congress Philadelphia Slugers-Detroit Motor Citye Gaints-Pittsburgh Crawfords Chicago Wonders-Chicago Whirlwin-St. Louis Stars-Cincinnati Blues Cleveland Strollers and we are going to bring up some teams from the south land and place them, if the present Negro assoication teams want take a franchise with us. The parks we have lineup Boston-Brooklyn-Shibe Park-Briggs Stadium-Forbes Field-White Sox-Wrigley Field-Sport-man-Crosley Field-League Park-Ebbets Field also N.G.Park and Yankee stadium. Yes Mrs, Manley Iam asking you to join our major league. Stadium. Yes Mrs, Manley Iam asking you to letters we have received Inclose you will find copies of afew of the letters we have received

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Benjamin H. Thomas, Treasurer George T. Lamb, Secretary John P. Joy, President THE NEGRO MAJOR AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUE BASE BALL TEAMS, INC. Phone VICtory 1887 Chicago 16, Illinois 3362 Prairie Avenue Part (2) after you have look them over please return them back to my office. I am sending a return stamp envlope that you may mail these copies to me. Now I go with details about our organization, there will be no walking of ball players from one team to another with out he has been lawfully traded or sold, no team in the major league can borrow or use players except he has been exchange lawfully, any any player quit a team with out obtaining a release from the team he was playing with put himself out of major league baseball. and no other team in the major league can hire this player. We are going to have a commissioner of baseball and his duty will deal with all un lawful acts and his action is final. We are also working on a plan trying to induce the white majors to permit the Negro major league to affilliate as units with their major league teams. Now Mrs Manley what I mean about affilliating our major league with the white, and what I mean by units, is to let the Negro major league be in their circut with their full teams and bein their schedule and play their teams, let us say that the Chicago White Sox was playing in New York, now let's say the next team that would play the Yankees would be a Negro team, then the next be a white team and that opperation would be in both American and National league. The Negro major league team that represent that city would use tha white major league team's park for their park on their home stay. Those are the kind of plans the Negro major league is working on and a many more that would bring the Negro baseball business up on a higher standard. Mrs Manley be fore we can reach the point we are shooting for the Negro baseball business must be organized affair. Now I hope you can see my point and preach this organization everywhere to the team owner, you know and meet. We did not organize this organization just for a profit alone we organized to help our Negro race, to lift them up with their base ball business, because we knew it was not being handle wright, we beleive in being second to none. I am very sorry that I can't tell · all of this story, it is so long I will have to tell you in parts I have tryed to make it plain to you, I hope you can see my veiw. I hope to hear from you soon. I wish to thank you again. . Very truly yours, The Negro Major League Inc.